

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

### PRELIMINARY BOARD AGENDA

#### BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025  
1:30 PM

Chair: Irene Fernando, District 2  
Vice-Chair: Debbie Goettel, District 5  
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1  
Marion Greene, District 3  
Angela Conley, District 4  
Heather Edelson, District 6  
Kevin Anderson, District 7

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1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
  2. **Approval of Agenda**
  3. **Hennepin Highlights**
  4. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**
    - 4.A. February 11, 2025 Minutes  

**Attachments:** [BOARDMINUTES-11-Feb-2025](#)
  5. **Referral of Correspondence and Department Communications**

Correspondence

Department Communications
  6. **Commendations**
  7. **Commissioner Communications/Updates**
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Claims Register for the period ending February 28, 2025
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- 9.F. [25-0073](#)  
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- 9.G. [25-0074](#)  
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- 9.H. [25-0076](#)  
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**Attachments:** [Map of CSAH 33 and 35 in Minneapolis.pdf](#)

10. **Non-Consent**

11. **Progressed**

11.A. [25-0075](#)

2025 Federal Legislative Platform

**Attachments:** [2025 Proposed Federal Legislative Platform - CLEAN](#)

12. **Old Business**

13. **Immediate Approvals**

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

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## MINNESOTA

### Board Action Request

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**TMP-25-0145**

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**Item Description:**

February 11, 2025 Minutes

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### BOARD MINUTES

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Commissioner Irene Fernando, Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners for Tuesday, February 11, 2025 to order at 1:31 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Marion Greene, Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Heather Edelson, Commissioner Kevin Anderson, and Commissioner Debbie Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Jeff Lunde

#### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Irene Fernando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

##### APPROVE

**Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Agenda.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

#### 3. Hennepin Highlights

3.A. Cardiac Rehabilitation at Hennepin Healthcare, presented by Hennepin Healthcare staff

#### 4. Minutes from Previous Meeting

4.A. January 28, 2025 Minutes

##### APPROVE

**Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve the Minutes.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

**5. Referral of Correspondence and Department Communications**

Correspondence

**CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED AS RECOMMENDED**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer as recommended.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

5.A. [25N-0007](#)

Professional and Personal Service Agmts/Amds of \$100,000 or less which have been approved by Department Director, Assistant/County Administrator. Report Number: 25RAA-02

**CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED AS RECOMMENDED**

5.B. [25N-0008](#)

Letters - 1. Barry Kasoff, Chief Executive Officer, Digital River - RE: WARN Notice of Layoff at Digital River, Inc. - 2. Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) - RE: Public Notice Morningside Stormwater Improvement Project. - 3. Jacob Kolander, City of Maple Plain - RE: City of Maple Plain Wellhead Protection Plan, Part 2.

**CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED AS RECOMMENDED**

5.C. [25N-0009](#)

Claim/Summons - 1. Michael Phoenix, Attorney - RE: Mario William Personal Injury.

**CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED AS RECOMMENDED**

5.D. [25N-0010](#)

Summary of Hennepin Health agreements and amendments to agreements approved in third quarter (Q3) of 2024 by the Hennepin Health Executive Director.

**CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED AS RECOMMENDED**

5.E. [25N-0011](#)

Summary of Hennepin Health agreements and amendments to agreements approved in fourth quarter (Q4) of 2024 by the Hennepin Health Executive Director.

**CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED AS RECOMMENDED**

Department Communications

5.F. [25-0065](#)

Claims Register for the period ending February 14, 2025

**REFER AS RECOMMENDED**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer as recommended the Resolution to the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

5.G. [25-0066](#)

Claims Register for the period ending February 21, 2025

**REFER AS RECOMMENDED**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer as recommended the Resolution to the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

5.H. [25-0067](#)

Claims Register for the period ending February 28, 2025

**REFER AS RECOMMENDED**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer as recommended the Resolution to the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

Referred to Administration, Operations and Budget Committee

5.I. [25-0068](#)

Agmt PR00007082 with Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid to provide Fair Housing Testing in suburban Hennepin County, 03/01/25-06/30/27, NTE \$120,000

**REFER TO COMMITTEE**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

5.J. [25-0069](#)

Reauthorization of a twenty-five-year commercial paper program; authorizing the issuance from time to time of tax-exempt or taxable commercial paper in an amount not to exceed \$400 million; and providing for the execution and delivery thereof

**REFER TO COMMITTEE**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

Referred to Health Committee

5.K. [25-0070](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt A2312011 with DHS for Opioid Response Services for the HCH Program, ext funding period through 09/29/2027, incr recv by \$1,715,934 for a new total recv of \$2,845,934

**REFER TO COMMITTEE**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Health Committee.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

5.L. [25-0071](#)

Amd 4 to Agmt A2110766 with DHS, for naloxone training and naloxone kit distribution services, extends the end date to 06/30/2027, incr recv by \$2,112,000 for a new total recv of \$3,765,072



**REFER TO COMMITTEE**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Health Committee.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

Referred to Human Services Committee

5.M. [25-0072](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2503

**REFER TO COMMITTEE**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Human Services Committee.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

5.N. [25-0073](#)

Agmt A2412662 with the City of Hopkins to establish alternative mental health response in Hopkins, 01/01/25-12/31/26, \$90,000 (recv)

**REFER TO COMMITTEE**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Human Services Committee.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

5.O. [25-0074](#)

JPA A2412636 with the City of Minneapolis authorizing services of the Hennepin County 911 Embedded Social Worker Program, 01/1/25-12/31/26

**REFER TO COMMITTEE**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Human Services Committee.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

Referred to Intergovernmental Relations Committee

5.P. [25-0075](#)

2025 Federal Legislative Platform

**REFER TO COMMITTEE**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Intergovernmental Committee.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

Referred to Public Works Committee

5.Q. [25-0076](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005867 with HDR Engineering, Inc. to provide additional services for CSAH 33 and CSAH 35, CP 2220300 and 2220700, ext to 12/31/28, incr NTE by \$2,350,000 for a new NTE county cost of \$4,250,000

**REFER TO COMMITTEE**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Public Works Committee.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

**6. Commendations**

6.A. [25-0077](#)

Commendation of Chris Sagsveen, Director of Transportation Operations - offered by Commissioner Greene

**ADOPT**

**Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

**7. Commissioner Communications/Updates**

**Commissioner Conley: presented on Women's Heart Health initiatives as Hennepin County.**

**8. Claims Register**

8.A. [25-0032](#)

Claims Register for the period ending January 31, 2025

**APPROVE/RATIFY**

**Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve/ratify the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

8.B. [25-0033](#)

Claims Register for the period ending February 7, 2025

**APPROVE/RATIFY**

**Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve/ratify the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

**9. Consent**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to adopt the items in the consent agenda.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

9.A. [25-0035](#)

Amd 2 to for Agmt PR00002275 with Parallel Technologies, Inc. for continued implementation of a countywide access control and video management system, software licenses, hardware and maintenance, extending the end date to 12/31/30, incr NTE by \$3,785,103.93 for a new total NTE of \$13,045,858.20

**ADOPT**

9.B. [25-0036](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00004417 with Qwest Corporation for enterprise internet and telecom services, ext end date to 02/28/26, incr NTE by \$1,353,500.

**ADOPT**

9.C. [25-0037](#)

Amd 3 to Agmt PR00003018 with Organizational Mental Health Solutions, PLLC, dba The Rising Workplace to provide virtual ergonomic services, ext end date to 02/29/28, incr NTE by \$90,000 for new total NTE of \$182,780

**ADOPT**

9.D. [25-0038](#)

Agmt A2512745 with HUD to accept Healthy Homes Production Grant funding 03/01/25-12/31/28, (recv \$2,000,000)

**REVISE**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to revise the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

[25-0038 R1](#)

Agmt A2512745 with HUD to accept Healthy Homes Production Grant funding 03/01/25-12/31/28, (recv \$2,000,000)

**ADOPT**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

9.E. [25-0039](#)

Ratification of permits, leases, lease amendments, and related property agreements approved by the County Administrator, 10/01/24-12/31/24, total NTE \$15,000

**ADOPT**

9.F. [25-0040](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2502

**ADOPT**

9.G. [25-0041](#)

Agmt A2412668 with MN DHS to provide mental health mobile crisis services, 01/01/25-12/31/26, (recv \$2,985,666)

**ADOPT**

9.H. [25-0042](#)

Agmt A2512742 with MN DHS accepting a 2025-2026 Mental Health Innovations grant for community-based outpatient mental health services for adults, 01/01/25-12/31/26, (recv \$800,785)

**ADOPT**

9.I. [25-0043](#)

JPA A2412635 with the City of Champlin authorizing services of the Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker Program, 01/01/25-12/31/25

**ADOPT**

9.J. [25-0044](#)

JPAs A2512757 with the West Hennepin Public Safety, A2412685 with the City of Osseo, and A2512750 with the City of Hopkins authorizing services of the Hennepin County 911 Embedded Social Worker Program, 01/01/25-12/31/26

**ADOPT**

9.K. [25-0045](#)

JPA A2412650 with the Metropolitan Airports Commission authorizing services of the Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker program, 03/01/25-02/28/27

**ADOPT**

9.L. [25-0046](#)

Agmt A2412668 with the MN DHS for services related to the Adult Mental Health Initiative grant, 01/01/25-12/31/26, \$25,921,676 (recv)

**ADOPT**

9.M. [25-0047](#)

Agmts PR00006795, PR00006798, PR00006799, PR00006800 and PR00006820 with the U.S. DOJ accepting \$597,157 in FY 2024 JAG funding, 10/01/23-09/30/27; Agmts with the cities of Bloomington, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Minneapolis and Richfield for funding and administration, 10/01/23-09/30/27

**ADOPT**

9.N. [25-0048](#)

Neg Agmt PW 36-24-24 with Maple Grove for cost participation of Maple Grove Parkway north of CSAH 81, CP 2201100; (County Cost: \$521,000 County Bonds, \$60,000 Operating)

**ADOPT**

9.O. [25-0049](#)

Amd 1 to PR00006257 with Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Inc. to include professional services for Nicollet Avenue (CSAH 52) Phase 2 in Bloomington (CP 2143101), incr NTE to \$1,750,000 (county cost: \$1,100,000 Transportation Advancement Account - Complete Street, \$650,000 Transportation Advancement Account - Preservation)

**ADOPT**

9.P. [25-0050](#)

Authorization to request a variance from MnDOT standard for State Aid Operation related to Nicollet Avenue (CSAH 52) Reconstruction (CP 2120800), State Aid Projects 027-652-046 and 157-020-034

**ADOPT**

9.Q. [25-0051](#)

Authorization to request a variance from MnDOT standard for State Aid Operation related to Lowry Avenue (CSAH 153) Reconstruction (CP 2140800), State Project 027-753-021 and State Project 141-020-145

**ADOPT**

9.R. [25-0052](#)

Neg fall 2024 ERF grant agmts with various entities for one or two-year periods, total combined NTE \$2,165,055; neg ERF grant agreement PR00006819 with Habitat for Humanity for costs incurred 01/21/20-12/31/25, NTE \$97,183

**ADOPT**

9.S. [25-0053](#)

Agmt PR00006833 with Reading Partners to provide reading assistance curriculum at multiple Hennepin County Library locations, 01/02/25-07/31/25, NTE \$40,000

**ADOPT**

9.T. [25-0054](#)

Appointment of the 2025 Hennepin County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization; and authorize the rates of compensation for its members; and adopt policies and procedures

**ADOPT**

**10. Non-Consent**

**11. Progressed**

11.A. [25-0008](#)

2025 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC)

**ADOPT**

**Commissioner Conley moved a slate of appointments for the Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council.**

**Accordingly, the following individuals were appointed:**

**Consumer Category:**

**Alexa (Adam) Fagerness  
Callie Gustafson-Ramsden  
Thomas Normile**

**Family Member Category:  
Ashley Gilmore  
Brittany Youngmark  
Hannah Cushing  
Hannah Campbell-Gustafson  
Tanoa Thome**

**Mental Health Provider:  
Annie Backe  
Ashwak Hassan  
Katy Armendariz**

**At Large Category:  
Suheb Ibrahim**

**Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

11.B. [25-0009](#)

2025 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Human Resources Board

**ADOPT**

**A roll call vote was taken on the vacancy. The votes were as follows:**

**Greene: Ibrahim Owolabi  
Conley: Ibrahim Owolabi  
Goettel: Ibrahim Owolabi  
Edelson: Ibrahim Owolabi  
Anderson: Ibrahim Owolabi  
Fernando: Ibrahim Owolabi**

**Accordingly, Ibrahim Owolabi was appointed.**

**Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

11.C. [25-0010](#)

2025 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - County Extension Committee - University of Minnesota

**ADOPT**

**A roll call vote was taken on the vacancy. The votes were as follows:**

**Greene: Warren Planitzer**

**Conley: Warren Planitzer**

**Goettel: Warren Planitzer**

**Edelson: Warren Planitzer**

**Anderson: Warren Planitzer**

**Fernando: Warren Planitzer**

**Accordingly, Warren Planitzer was re-appointed.**

**Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

11.D. [25-0011](#)

2025 Watershed Board Applicants and Appointments - Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

**ADOPT**

**A roll call vote was taken on the first vacancy. The votes were as follows:**

**Conley: Arun Hejmadi**

**Goettel: Arun Hejmadi**

**Edelson: Arun Hejmadi**

**Anderson: Arun Hejmadi**

**Greene: Arun Hejmadi**

**Fernando: Arun Hejmadi**

**Accordingly, Arun Hejmadi was re-appointed.**

**A roll call vote was taken on the second vacancy. The votes were as follows:**



**Goettel: Eugene Maxwell**  
**Edelson: Eugene Maxwell**  
**Anderson: Eugene Maxwell**  
**Greene: Eugene Maxwell**  
**Conley: Eugene Maxwell**  
**Fernando: Eugene Maxwell**

**Accordingly, Eugene Maxwell was re-appointed.**

**Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

11.E. [25-0012](#)

2025 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Race Equity Advisory Council (REAC)

**ADOPT**

**Commissioner Angela Conley moved a slate of appointments for the Race Equity Advisory Council.**

**Accordingly, the following individuals were appointed:**

**Alejandra Orozco Medina**  
**Amber Shannon**  
**Hol Flor**  
**Natalie Kirk**  
**Nathaly Maldonado**  
**Nathania Amenuvor**  
**Ocho Smith**  
**Shanessa Saice**

**Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

11.F. [25-0013](#)

2025 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board (WIOA)

**ADOPT**

**The following individuals were appointed to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board:**

**Wagner-Peyser Services Category:**  
**Cynthia Larson (Re-appointed)**

**Economic & Community Development Agency Category:**  
**Elise Durbin (Re-appointed)**

**Private Sector Business Category:**  
**Christa Seaberg**  
**Douglas Muller (Re-appointed)**  
**Garfield Clark (Re-appointed)**  
**Nicole Mattson (Re-appointed)**  
**Timothy Mayer (Re-appointed)**

**Joint Labor Management or Union Affiliate Registered Apprenticeship Program Category:**  
**Derrick Givens (Re-appointed)**

**Organized Labor Organization Category:**  
**Kate Black (Re-Appointed)**

**Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

11.G. [25-0014](#)

2025 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Three Rivers Park District Board

**ADOPT**

**A roll call vote was taken on the vacancy. The votes were as follows:**

**Edelson: Jesse Winkler**  
**Anderson: Jesse Winkler**  
**Greene: Jesse Winkler**  
**Conley: Jesse Winkler**  
**Goettel: Jesse Winkler**  
**Fernando: Jesse Winkler**

**Accordingly, Jesse Winkler was re-appointed.**

**Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

11.H. [25-0031](#)

2025 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Library Board

**ADOPT**

**A roll call vote was taken on the first vacancy. The votes were as follows:**

**Anderson: Kimberly Connolly  
Greene: Kimberly Connolly  
Conley: Kimberly Connolly  
Goettel: Kimberly Connolly  
Edelson: Kimberly Connolly  
Fernando: Kimberly Connolly**

**Accordingly, Kimberly Connolly was appointed.**

**A roll call vote was taken on the second vacancy. The votes were as follows:**

**Greene: Erin Brudvik  
Conley: Michael Hogan  
Goettel: Michael Hogan  
Edelson: Michael Hogan  
Anderson: Michael Hogan  
Fernando: Michael Hogan**

**Accordingly, Michael Hogan was re-appointed.**

**A roll call vote was taken on the third vacancy. The votes were as follows:**

**Greene: Erin Brudvik  
Conley: Randy Klauk  
Goettel: Randy Klauk  
Edelson: Randy Klauk  
Anderson: Randy Klauk  
Fernando: Randy Klauk**

Accordingly, Randy Klauk was re-appointed.

A roll call vote was taken on the fourth vacancy. The votes were as follows:

Conley: Erin Brudvik  
Goettel: Georgia Rubenstein  
Edelson: Georgia Rubenstein  
Anderson: Erin Brudvik  
Greene: Erin Brudvik  
Fernando: Erin Brudvik

Accordingly, Erin Brudvik was was appointed.

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to adopt the Resolution.

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

**12. Old Business**

**13. Immediate Approvals**

13.A. [25-0078](#)

Award a set-aside Contract FC00000171 to Generation One Contracting LLC dba Morris Construction for the HCGC Street Level - New Digital Experience Department (DX) User Experience (UX) Lab project, \$757,829

**ADOPT**

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to adopt the Resolution.

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

13.B. [25-0079](#)

Design, Construction and Budget approvals for the HHS Parking Ramp Replacement Project (CP 1010908), Contract PR00007092 with Snow Kreilich Architects for architectural and engineering services, Contract FC00000166 with Kraus-Anderson Construction for preconstruction and construction services, project budget of \$120,000,000

**ADOPT**

**Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

13.C. [25-0080](#)

Labor Agreement with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #292, Traffic Signal Electrician Unit 01/01/2025-12/31/2027

**ADOPT**

**Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

13.D. [25-0081](#)

Labor Agreement with Minnesota Public Employees Association - Detention Deputies 01/01/2025-12/31/2027

**ADOPT**

**Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

13.E. [25-0082](#)

Labor Agreement with Teamsters Correctional Unit, Local 320, 01/01/2025-12/31/2027

**ADOPT**

**Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

13.F. [25-0083](#)

Labor Agreement with Teamsters General Services Unit, Local 320, 01/01/2025-12/31/2027

**ADOPT**

**Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

13.G. [25-0084](#)

Agmt A2512763 with the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) to accept grant to increase access and improve outcomes for Hennepin County persons with substance use disorder, 10/01/24-09/30/27, \$1,600,000 (recv)

**ADOPT**

**Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to adopt the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Absent:** Commissioner Lunde

On a motion by Commissioner Heather Edelson, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners meeting was declared adjourned at 3:03 p.m. until Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Maria Rose  
Clerk to the County Board

**Contracting opportunities can be found on the Hennepin County website:  
[www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us)**

### Board Action Request

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**25-0065**

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**Item Description:**

Claims Register for the period ending February 14, 2025

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims register for the period ending February 14, 2025, be ratified.

**Background:**

Resolution 07-4-154R1 delegated to the County Administrator and County Controller the authority to pay all claims of the County with subsequent ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Pursuant to Resolution 07-4-154R1 and Minnesota Statute 375.18, the list of all claims paid since the last regularly scheduled Board meeting is now presented to the Board for informational purposes and ratification. The Claims Register is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** No Recommendation

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

300 South Sixth Street  
Minneapolis, MN  
55487-0240

## MINNESOTA

### Board Action Request

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**25-0066**

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**Item Description:**

Claims Register for the period ending February 21, 2025

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims register for the period ending February 21, 2025, be ratified.

**Background:**

Resolution 07-4-154R1 delegated to the County Administrator and County Controller the authority to pay all claims of the County with subsequent ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Pursuant to Resolution 07-4-154R1 and Minnesota Statute 375.18, the list of all claims paid since the last regularly scheduled Board meeting is now presented to the Board for informational purposes and ratification. The Claims Register is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** No Recommendation



# HENNEPIN COUNTY

300 South Sixth Street  
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## MINNESOTA

### Board Action Request

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**25-0067**

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**Item Description:**

Claims Register for the period ending February 28, 2025

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims register for the period ending February 28, 2025, be ratified.

**Background:**

Resolution 07-4-154R1 delegated to the County Administrator and County Controller the authority to pay all claims of the County with subsequent ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Pursuant to Resolution 07-4-154R1 and Minnesota Statute 375.18, the list of all claims paid since the last regularly scheduled Board meeting is now presented to the Board for informational purposes and ratification. The Claims Register is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** No Recommendation

## MINNESOTA

### Board Action Request

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**25-0068**

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**Item Description:**

Agmt PR00007082 with Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid to provide Fair Housing Testing in suburban Hennepin County, 03/01/25-06/30/27, NTE \$120,000

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement PR00007082 with Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid to conduct Fair Housing Testing for suburban Hennepin County during the period March 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, with the amount not to exceed \$120,000, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

**Background:**

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability.

Hennepin County and partnering suburban communities in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) federal entitlement programs (Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)) are required to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities.

In partnership with entitlement jurisdiction cities, the county proposes to contract with Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid to conduct Fair Housing paired tests on multifamily rental housing units. Fair Housing paired tests assess discrimination by having two testers assume the role of housing applicants with equivalent social and economic characteristics who differ only in terms of the characteristic being tested for discrimination, such as race, disability status, or marital status.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid is the only HUD-qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization conducting Fair Housing Testing within the state of Minnesota. Hennepin County contracted with Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid for similar services in 2013 (Resolution 13-0405) and 2019 (Resolution 19-0299).

**Current Request:** This request seeks approval of Agreement PR00007082 with Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid to conduct Fair Housing Testing of rental housing projects in suburban Hennepin County during the period March 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, with a not to exceed amount of \$120,000.

**Impact/Outcomes:** The funding under this agreement will allow for 60 paired tests of properties within suburban Hennepin County to ensure that properties are adhering to the Fair Housing Act.

**Disparity Reduction Impact:** This funding will test violations of the Fair Housing Act, including disparate impacts on protected classes.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

## MINNESOTA

### Board Action Request

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**25-0069**

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**Item Description:**

Reauthorization of a twenty-five-year commercial paper program; authorizing the issuance from time to time of tax-exempt or taxable commercial paper in an amount not to exceed \$400 million; and providing for the execution and delivery thereof

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Hennepin County, Minnesota, as follows:

1. By Resolution No. 10-0524, dated November 30, 2010, this Board established a commercial paper program for cash flow management purposes (the "Original Commercial Paper Program," or as amended, the "Commercial Paper Program"), which authorized the issuance by the County of its general obligation indebtedness in the form of commercial paper certificates in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for any fund and not yet collected in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 383B.117. The maximum principal amount of such commercial paper certificates was limited to \$150,000,000 in aggregate outstanding at any time, and the Original Commercial Paper Program was set to expire on September 30, 2014.
2. By Resolution No. 12-0493, dated November 27, 2012, this Board increased the maximum principal amount of commercial paper certificates available for cash flow management purposes to \$200,000,000 and extended the duration of the Original Commercial Paper Program to December 31, 2017, by amending and restating the Original Commercial Paper Program.
3. By Resolution No. 16-0395, dated November 1, 2016, this Board increased the maximum principal amount of commercial paper certificates available for cash flow management purposes to \$250,000,000 and extended the duration of the Commercial Paper Program to December 31, 2021, by amending and restating the Commercial Paper Program.
4. By Resolution No. 20-0405, dated November 3, 2020, this Board extended the duration of the Commercial Paper Program to December 31, 2025, by amending and restating the Commercial Paper Program.
5. The Board hereby finds it is in the County's best interests to increase the maximum principal amount of commercial paper certificates available for cash flow management purposes to \$400,000,000 and extend the duration of the Commercial Paper Program to December 31, 2050, by amending and restating the Commercial Paper Program as set forth in paragraphs 6 through 14 below.
6. Pursuant to the Commercial Paper Program, this Board authorizes the issuance by the County of its general obligation indebtedness in the form of commercial paper certificates in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for any fund and not yet collected in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 383B.117 (the "Certificates").
7. This Board hereby delegates to the Chief Financial Officer authority to negotiate with up to three banks, investment banking firms or financial institutions acting as the dealers for the Certificates, the terms

and conditions upon which the Certificates shall be sold and issued, and to approve the terms of such sale and issuance, provided that the aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time of Certificates authorized and issued hereunder, in one or more series, shall not exceed \$400,000,000 at maximum rates to be determined by the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 383B.117; and further provided that the total of all Certificates issued against any fund for any year with interest thereon until maturity, together with all orders outstanding against the fund, shall not exceed the total current taxes for the fund uncollected at the time of issuance plus the cash currently in the fund, or as otherwise limited by Minnesota Statutes, Section 383B.117. Certificates shall not be sold for less than the par amount thereof, plus accrued interest. Certificates shall mature not later than the earlier of: (i) 270 days from the date of issuance; (ii) the first day of April of the year following the year of issuance; or (iii) December 31, 2050. Each Certificate shall state upon its face the fund for which the proceeds of the Certificate shall be used, the total amount of the certificates so issued against the fund, and the total amount embraced in the tax levy for that fund. The proceeds of the taxes assessed on account of the fund against which Certificates are issued and the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the County shall be irrevocably pledged for the redemption of the Certificate in the order of issuance against the fund. The additional terms of the Certificates and the sale thereof shall be substantially as set forth in (i) the orders authorizing the issuance of Certificates, (ii) an issuing and paying agent agreement, and (iii) the dealer agreements, each of which the Chair and County Administrator are hereby authorized to approve.

8. In connection with the Commercial Paper Program and the issuance of the Certificates, the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to negotiate with one or more commercial banks, insurers or other credit support or liquidity facility providers, as applicable, the terms and conditions of any credit support or liquidity facility for the Certificates, and the Chair and County Administrator are authorized to execute and deliver any agreements of the County with the provider of any such credit support facility or liquidity facility. If the Chief Financial Officer determines in its discretion to appoint an issuing agent or paying agent, the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to negotiate with one or more commercial banks to serve as an issuing agent or paying agent with respect to the Certificates, and the Chair and County Administrator are authorized to execute and deliver any agreements of the County with such issuing agent or paying agent. All such agreements shall be in the form and contain such rights, obligations, covenants, agreements, representations and warranties of the County as may be approved by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to obtain ratings of the Certificates from up to three nationally recognized credit rating services, to pay the reasonable and customary charges of such rating services, and to take such other actions as may be required so that the Certificates may be issued and sold as contemplated hereby.
9. The County Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the County such covenants, agreements, representations and warranties of the County as may be deemed necessary by such officials. The County Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer are authorized to execute and deliver the Certificates in accordance with documents containing covenants, agreements, representations and warranties with respect thereto.
10. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to approve any Official Statement, Offering Memorandum, Offering Circular or other offering material to be prepared and distributed periodically by the County to any purchaser or potential purchaser of any of the Certificates (however so entitled, an "Offering Memorandum"), and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to execute and deliver an Offering Memorandum.
11. The appropriate County officers are authorized to execute and deliver all other documents and certificates and to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate in connection with the Commercial Paper Program and the issuance and sale of the Certificates consistent with this Resolution and Minnesota Statutes, Section 383B.117.

12. The County Administrator and Chief Financial Officer and other officials of the County are authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to any purchasers of the Certificates certified copies of all proceedings and records of the County as may be required or appropriate to evidence the facts relating to the legality of the Certificates and the Commercial Paper Program as such facts appear from the books and records in their custody and control or as otherwise known to them; and all such certified copies, certificates and affidavits, including any heretofore furnished, shall constitute representations of the County as to the truth of all statements contained therein. The County Administrator and Chief Financial Officer are further authorized to take such other actions as may be required to effectuate the terms and intent of this Resolution.
13. The execution of any document by the appropriate officers of the County herein authorized shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of such documents in accordance with the terms hereof.
14. The Controller is hereby authorized to transfer and disburse funds consistent with documents executed above as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

**Background:**

The County Board first authorized a commercial paper program in 2010 to add an additional short-term financing strategy. To maintain investments paying higher interest and have cash to fund daily needs, taxable commercial paper issuance has given the County useful flexibility to manage cash. In November 2020, pursuant to Resolution 20-405, the County Board reauthorized a five-year commercial paper program (the "Program") in the amount of \$250 million and with a final term of December 31, 2025.

Commercial paper is a short-term financial instrument that has a maximum maturity of 270 days. Initially, the County issued taxable commercial paper certificates to provide working capital to avoid selling investments from its investment portfolio during low cash periods. Since 2023, the County has also issued tax-exempt commercial paper certificates to provide bridge funding for approved capital projects until such certificates could be repaid with the proceeds of long-term, fixed rate tax-exempt bonds. Based on the history of usage of the currently authorized \$250 million Program, staff recommends preserving about \$100-\$150 million of program capacity each for working capital and interim financing of approved capital projects, which completely claims all available commercial paper resources.

However, in the past two years, a different financing tool used by the County - variable rate bonds - has experienced challenges. The two banks providing liquidity (US Bank and TD Bank) for our two series of outstanding general obligation variable rate demand bond issues from 2017 and 2018 have been downgraded by one or more credit rating agencies. In addition, TD Bank has recently pled guilty to federal charges increasing headline risk to the County by being associated with that institution. The existing liquidity agreements with those two banks both expire in October 2026.

As a result, staff is recommending that the Board increase the maximum Program size from \$250 million to \$400 million and extend the term of the Program to December 31, 2050 to create capacity in the Program for a floating rate debt structure that will have similar characteristics as our current variable rate bonds.

The County has a long history of issuing variable rate bonds which allow much greater flexibility to repay principal more rapidly than is possible with a fixed rate bond structure; variable rate bonds are historically a lower cost financing tool compared to long-term fixed rate bonds as those interest rates, which are reset weekly, are based on short-term interest rates. To be attractive to investors, both commercial paper and variable rate bonds need to be backed by a source of liquidity since investors have the ability to "put" their investment - which means to demand repayment - in both types of bonds. If the dealer is unable to remarket the issue to new investors, liquidity must be available to pay off the investor that is "putting" back their

investment.

The County sees the use of commercial paper secured by self-liquidity (through investments it owns) and our general obligation pledge as an option to replace variable rate bonds, providing an effective tool to reduce Program costs by eliminating liquidity fees; increase interest rate stability; gain additional flexibility in determining repayment dates; and mitigate liquidity risk and reputational risks.

Certificates issued under the Program are general obligations of the County and are currently rated A-1+ by S&P Global Ratings and F1+ by Fitch ratings - the highest possible short-term ratings - based upon the size, quality and liquidity of the County's investment portfolio. Commercial paper certificates may be issued as either tax-exempt or taxable obligations, depending upon the use of proceeds. Since the inception of the Program, the County has issued a total of \$2.825 billion of commercial paper certificates, including rolls of previously issued certificates, at various times and in various amounts. Of that total, \$405 million have been issued as tax-exempt certificates providing interim financing of capital projects, with the balance issued as taxable certificates to support maintenance of the County's investment portfolio. Currently, there are no commercial paper certificates outstanding.

On December 17, 2024, the County issued a Request for Information to 13 local and national banks and broker-dealer firms, all of which are experienced with commercial paper programs, to obtain data about their experience and interest in serving as a commercial paper dealer to the County, as well as the costs associated with acting as a dealer for the Program. The County received responses from eight (8) firms on January 14, 2025. Staff reviewed those responses with representatives of the County Attorney's Office, and PFM Financial Advisors LLC, the County's municipal advisor. Staff recommends that JP Morgan Securities LLC (JPM) and RBC Capital Markets, LLC (RBC) be named as dealers for the Program. JPM has the largest combined tax-exempt and taxable commercial paper portfolios of all of the firms that submitted responses; they offered the lowest fee; and they have performed well as a dealer for the County's Program since being retained to serve in that role in 2020. RBC also has substantial tax-exempt and taxable commercial paper portfolios, a significant local presence in downtown Minneapolis and has provided helpful advice and services as a dealer on the County's Program since 2016.

The resolution authorizes the County Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer to execute and deliver certain necessary documents related to the Program, and the Chief Financial Officer to approve the Commercial Paper Offering Memorandum which is prepared and updated at least twice a year. Further, the resolution authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to engage one or more commercial banks, insurers or other credit support, or liquidity facility providers as may be necessary or desirable during the term of the Program, as well as request up to three credit rating agencies to rate the certificates issued under the Program. It is staff's expectation that the County will continue to provide self-liquidity for the Program, as well as seek confirmation of the existing Program ratings from S&P and Fitch.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

## MINNESOTA

### Board Action Request

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**25-0070**

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**Item Description:**

Amd 1 to Agmt A2312011 with DHS for Opioid Response Services for the HCH Program, ext funding period through 09/29/27, incr recv by \$1,715,934 for a new total recv of \$2,845,934

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Agreement A2312011 with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) for Opioid Response Services for the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program, extending the funding period through September 29, 2027, and increasing the receivable amount by \$1,715,934 for a new total receivable amount of \$2,845,934 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for this program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program if grant funds become no longer available.

**Background:**

Through resolution 23-0449 the Board accepted \$1,653,072 receivable from DHS for the HCH program. This funding was for the provision of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services to all persons experiencing homelessness and opioid addiction with specific outreach and retention services for American Indians experiencing homelessness and opioid addiction.

Grant funding makes it possible for HCH staff to continue to work within the mobile outreach program's on-demand treatment system, meaning patients can receive services at multiple walk-in clinics without an appointment or be seen at a shelter, on the street, and other locations that works best for everyone. The HCH MOUD program has a robust low-barrier approach locating and working with people who do not have identification, addresses, or housing. The HCH MOUD program uses a harm reduction model of care and ensures people living with Opioid Use Disorder have harm reduction supplies ensuring safe use and overdose prevention.

Through SOR funding, in 2024, Health Care for the Homeless had the following accomplishments:

- Hired and onboarded a Street Medicine and Outreach Supervisor to lead the mobile outreach program and team. This hire boosted HCH MOUD visits, deepened relationships with other street outreach teams, increased patients' medication adherences, and expanded the distribution of harm reduction supplies during outreach.
- Expanded services at the HCH Outreach Drop-in site, located at the Kola Safe Haven in the heart of the Phillips Neighborhood, where many American Indians reside. The HCH Kola drop-in site is centrally located and has been a reliable space for individuals to drop-in for harm reduction supplies, MOUD care, testing, social services, and mental health care.

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- In Quarter 4, the HCH Street Outreach team had 121 prescriber MOUD visits with patients, 77% of which were with patients that identify as American Indian. The team distributed 19,300 clean syringes out of the Kola Drop-in, as well as distributing 316 doses of nasal naloxone and 150 doses of intramuscular naloxone.

This request reduces disparities in the health domain by targeting lifesaving medication and education to American Indian residents and families who are disproportionately affected by the opioid epidemic and opioid use disorder and experiencing homelessness.

APEX Coding:

Fund: 20

Department ID: 532099

Project ID: 1008484

Revenue Account: 42067

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval



## MINNESOTA

### Board Action Request

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**25-0071**

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**Item Description:**

Amd 4 to Agmt A2110766 with DHS, for naloxone training and naloxone kit distribution services, extends the end date to 06/30/27, incr rcv by \$2,112,000 for a new total rcv of \$3,765,072

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 4 to Agreement A2110766 with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) for naloxone training and naloxone kit distribution services, extending the end date through June 30, 2027, and increasing the receivable amount by \$2,112,000 for a new total receivable amount of \$3,765,072 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for this program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program if grant funds become no longer available.

**Background:**

Through resolutions 21-0282 and 23-0010 the Board accepted \$1,653,072 receivable from DHS for the Public Health Clinic (PHC) to assist in providing targeted training and distribution of naloxone in accordance with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration to prevent opioid overdose and reduce harms associated with opioid use. These funds have also provided for the launch of a low barrier Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) program in the PHC by providing funding for several key staff positions. Through resolution 23-0447 the Board approved adjustments to budget line items within the agreement funding periods and attachment name and added 4 full time equivalent (FTE positions), with no changes to the term or funding amount.

**State Opioid Response (SOR) Funds for the Public Health Clinic:**

- This funding supports the MOUD program that prescribes mainly suboxone to people with opioid use disorder.
- Additionally, funds provide supplies for the Syringe Services Program (SSP), targeted outreach, training, and naloxone distribution.
- Provide 24 hours of weekly walk-in availability to the syringe exchange and naloxone distribution program.
- Conduct targeted naloxone education and kit distribution to residents of Little Earth.

**Accomplishments in 2024:**

- Started 99 patients on suboxone and completed 474 follow-up visits related to MOUD
- Distributed over 20,000 doses of naloxone (both nasal and intramuscular)
- Patients self-reported reversing 1,712 overdoses with Hennepin County administered kits
- Served 1,791 unique patients in the syringe service program, totaling over 5,700 visits
- Safely discarded over 71,000 syringes

This request reduces disparities in the health domain by targeting lifesaving medication and education to American Indian residents and families who are disproportionately affected by the opioid epidemic and opioid

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APEX Coding:

Fund: 20

Department ID: 531099

Project ID: 1007045

Revenue Account: 42067

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

### Board Action Request

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**25-0072**

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**Item Description:**

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2503

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the contracts, contract amendments and administrative actions of the Human Services & Public Health Department and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation made pursuant to chapters 256E and 393 of Minnesota Statutes, as detailed in Human Services & Public Health Contract Report 2503 be approved; that the report be filed in Contract Management Services; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the contracts, contract amendments, and administrative actions on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed. Such contracts are subject to ministerial adjustment when such adjustments are done within the constraints of the approved Hennepin County Budget and when signed by the County Department Director or Designee.

**Background:**

The contracted dollar amounts are based on estimates of program costs and/or utilization during prior periods. Funding for each contract is provided for within service categories in the Human Services & Public Health Department and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation approved annual budgets. Occasionally new services are implemented which are not in the budget, but which are fully funded under state or federal grants or other new funding.

Contracted dollar estimates are based upon prior year usage and are subject to fluctuation in placement patterns, service need, and cost shifts. Therefore, it may be necessary to process ministerial adjustments to contracts to increase or decrease contract amounts or to make minor service changes consistent with the department budget and strategic plan. Placement agreements are also processed administratively.

Contracts include services in the following areas: adult mental health; developmental disabilities; chemical health; adult housing; early intervention and family intervention services, interpreter services, health services, welfare advocacy, and various other human services. Expectations for ongoing outcome measurement are included in all new, renewal, or extended contracts. Outcome measures, which are developed by the county and contracted providers, assess the effectiveness of a service and its impact on an eligible recipient's condition or functioning level. Outcome information is used to modify or improve programs as well as to evaluate effectiveness of different types of intervention and providers. A detailed listing of the specific actions requested by this BAR and an explanation of all unusual items is reflected in the summary of the report.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

## Human Services and Public Health Contract Report #2503

**Date:** 02/20/2025

**To:** Clerk of the County Board

**From:** Human Services and Public Health

**Subject:** BAR Number 25-0072

**Board Action Date:** 03/11/2025

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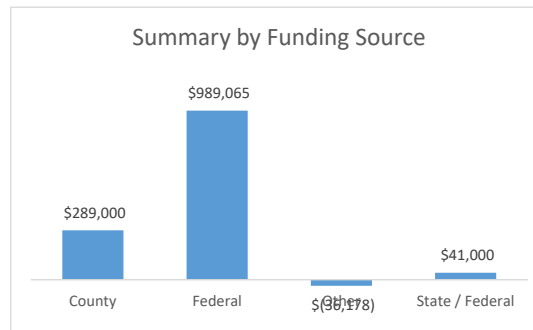
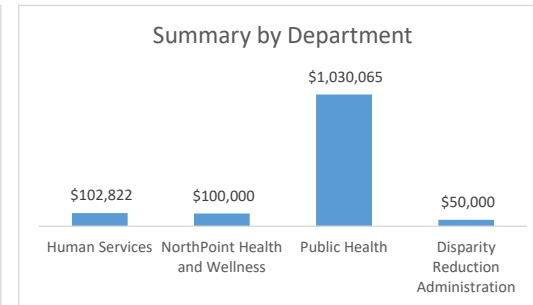
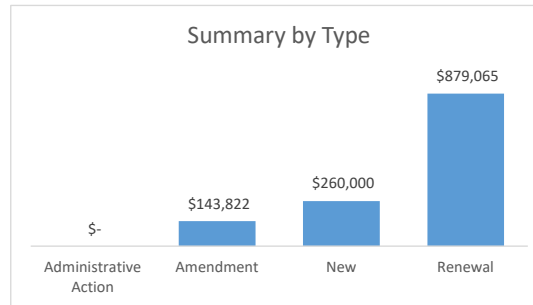
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### Summary of Contract Actions

Action Type/Department/Service Area	# of Actions	Action Total
<b>Administrative Action</b>		<b>\$0</b>
(blank)		\$0
<b>Amendment</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$143,822</b>
Human Services	7	\$2,822
NorthPoint Health and Wellness	1	\$100,000
Public Health	1	\$41,000
<b>New</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$260,000</b>
Human Services	2	\$100,000
Public Health	1	\$110,000
Disparity Reduction Administration	1	\$50,000
<b>Renewal</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$879,065</b>
Public Health	6	\$879,065
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$1,282,887</b>



HENNEPIN COUNTY  
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Human Services and Public Health Contract Report #2503

**Date:** 02/20/2025  
**To:** Clerk of the County Board  
**From:** Human Services and Public Health  
**Subject:** BAR Number 25-2503  
**Board Action Date:** 03/11/2025

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Summary of Contract Actions

New Contracts		
Department	Number	Amount
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$ -
Hennepin Health	0	\$ -
Human Services	2	\$ 100,000
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$ -
Public Health	1	\$ 110,000
Total	3	\$ 210,000

Renewed Contracts		
Department	Number	Amount
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$ -
Hennepin Health	0	\$ -
Human Services	0	\$ -
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$ -
Public Health	6	\$ 879,065
Total	6	\$ 879,065

Amended Contracts		
Department	Number	Amount
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$ -
Hennepin Health	0	\$ -
Human Services	7	\$ 2,822
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	1	\$ 100,000
Public Health	1	\$ 41,000
Total	9	\$ 143,822

Administrative Actions Description	Contract #
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Vendor	Contract #	Service/Outcome	Service Area	Department	Contract Begin Date	Contract End Date	Previous Contract NTE	New Contract NTE	Funding Source	Notes
<b>New Contracts</b>										
Regents of the University of Minnesota	HS00001960	Early Intervention Services to Eligible Persons living with HIV/AIDS.	Public Health Protection	Public Health	3/1/2025	2/28/2029	\$0	\$110,000	Federal	Ryan White Grant.
Rebound Inc.	HS00001902	Out of Home Group Home for females aged 14-21.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	2/1/2025	1/31/2028	\$0	\$0	County	-
African Career, Education & Resource Inc.	HS00001944	Service navigation to residents in Blue Line extension corridor.	Disparity Reduction Administration	Disparity Reduction Administration	2/15/2025	12/31/2025	\$0	\$50,000	County	-
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center	HS00001973	Drop-in center for those experiencing homelessness in Hennepin County with housing services and resources. Provider specializes in serving Indigenous or Native American women and survivors of domestic abuse.	Housing Stability	Human Services	2/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$0	\$100,000	County	-
<b>Renewed Contracts</b>										
Allina Health System	HS00001962	Medical Transportation services for Eligible Persons in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.	Public Health Protection	Public Health	4/1/2025	3/31/2029	\$0	\$5,310	Federal	Ryan White grant.
Children's Health Care	HS00001963	Health Education and Risk Reduction services to Eligible Persons in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.	Public Health Protection	Public Health	4/1/2025	3/31/2029	\$0	\$10,000	Federal	Ryan White grant.
The Aliveness Project, Inc.	HS00001961	Medical Transportation, Mental Health, Substance Abuse Outpatient Care, Housing Services and Medical Nutrition Therapy to Eligible Persons in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.	Public Health Protection	Public Health	4/1/2025	3/31/2029	\$0	\$393,639	Federal	Ryan White grant.
Group Health, Inc.	HS00001957	Medical Case Management, and Outpatient Ambulatory Healthcare services to Eligible Persons in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.	Public Health Protection	Public Health	3/1/2025	2/28/2029	\$0	\$451,766	Federal	Ryan White grant.
Group Health, Inc.	HS00001965	Medical Transportation services to Eligible Persons in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.	Public Health Protection	Public Health	4/1/2025	3/31/2029	\$0	\$10,350	Federal	Ryan White grant.
Sub-Saharan African Youth and Family Services in MN (SAYFSM)	HS00001967	Medical Transportation services to Eligible Persons in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.	Public Health Protection	Public Health	4/1/2025	3/31/2029	\$0	\$8,000	Federal	Ryan White grant.
<b>Amended Contracts</b>										
FamilyWise Services	PR00005610	Training and supervision for contracted MiiWrap provider staff to be credentialed as MiiWrap coaches and facilitators.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	3/1/2024	12/31/2026	\$44,500	\$83,500	County	Increases NTE and updates services provided.
The Bridge for Youth	HS00000827	Shelter to provide short-term lodging (up to 90 days with occasional exceptions) and case management to youth ages 10 -17 (and their families) in Resilience House and youth ages 15-17 in Gloria's Place, who are currently experiencing homelessness.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	7/1/2021	12/31/2025	\$2,153,500	\$2,153,500	County	Updates standard language, where applicable, and updates performance measures.
The Bridge for Youth	HS00001628	Short-term transitional housing, less than 24 months, for Eligible Persons ages 18-24 who are currently experiencing homelessness. Services will include rental housing and support for their overall well-being.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	4/1/2024	12/31/2025	\$131,250	\$131,250	County	Updates standard language, where applicable, and updates performance measures.
Regents of the University of Minnesota	HS00001593	Opioid clinic services to Hennepin County residents.	Opioid Settlement	Human Services	10/1/2024	12/31/2025	\$300,000	\$263,822	Other	Reduces NTE and updates deliverables and contract budget. National Class Action Lawsuit Settlement.
Think Small	PR00005977	Child Care Quality Supports.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	1/1/2024	12/31/2025	\$400,000	\$400,000	County	Revises 2024 budget.
Primus Incorporated	HS00001394	Emergency overflow shelter for families.	Housing Stability	Human Services	10/1/2023	12/31/2025	\$10,456,782	\$10,456,782	County	Adds an additional location.
180 Degrees, Inc.	HS00000825	Emergency shelter placement and programming for youth ages 14-19.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	7/1/2021	12/31/2025	\$275,079	\$275,079	County	Updates standard language, where applicable, and updates performance measures.
LocumTenens.com LLC	PR00003924	Temporary psychiatric services for NorthPoint and HSPHD patients.	NorthPoint Health & Wellness	NorthPoint Health and Wellness	3/1/2022	12/31/2025	\$2,800,000	\$2,900,000	County	Adds HSPHD to contract and increases NTE.

Vendor	Contract #	Service/Outcome	Service Area	Department	Contract Begin Date	Contract End Date	Previous Contract NTE	New Contract NTE	Funding Source	Notes
Cribs for Kids, Inc.	PR00006010	Purchase of children's cribs and accessories.	Public Health Family Health	Public Health	3/1/2024	12/31/2028	\$41,800	\$82,800	State / Federal	Adds 2025 budget and NTE. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant and Strong Foundations Family Home Visiting grant.

**Administrative Actions**

None - -

### Board Action Request

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**25-0073**

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**Item Description:**

Agmt A2412662 with the City of Hopkins to establish alternative mental health response in Hopkins, 01/01/25-12/31/26, \$90,000 (recv)

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2412662 with the City of Hopkins to establish the 911 Alternative Response Team during the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026, in the receivable amount of \$90,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of agreement funding for this program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program if agreement funds are no longer available.

**Background:**

In 2022, Hennepin County launched a pilot in Brooklyn Park to test an alternative 911 response to mental health and related calls for service. The program has expanded to the cities of Brooklyn Center, Edina and Richfield. In partnership with the Hopkins Police Department and Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, the teams will respond to low-risk 911 calls for service involving City of Hopkins' residents with mental health, substance use, and social service needs.

Since 2014, Hennepin County has implemented a variety of mental health and justice reform projects, following evidence-based guidelines using the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Sequential Intercept Model. This framework is designed to reduce the negative impact experienced by people living with behavioral health conditions who are disproportionately represented in the justice system. Since the Alternative Response Team began, the teams have received over 1,800 referrals resulting in more than 2,400 connections to community services.

This request supports the county's identified priorities and goals for the disparity reduction Health domain by focusing on achieving health equity where every person feels they have the opportunity to attain their highest health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval



## MINNESOTA

### Board Action Request

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**25-0074**

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**Item Description:**

JPA A2412636 with the City of Minneapolis authorizing services of the Hennepin County 911 Embedded Social Worker Program, 01/1/25-12/31/26

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Powers Agreement A2412636 with the City of Minneapolis to enhance the coordination between local police departments and the Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD) associated with the 911 Embedded Social Worker Program for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026 be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a supplemental appropriation of \$115,826 and 1.0 FTE be added to the 2025 Human Services and Public Health budget be approved

**Background:**

In 2019, six cities partnered with Hennepin County's Behavioral Health Area to pilot embedding social workers in their police departments for a tailored response for 911 calls related to mental health and substance use issues. The Department requests approval for Joint Powers Agreement launching a 911 Embedded Social Worker Program pilot with the City of Minneapolis through its Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center.

Embedded Social Workers receive referrals from the municipal police departments and dispatch offices regarding individuals who appear to have mental health, substance use, or other needs. The goal of the program is to reduce unnecessary law enforcement contacts, justice involvement and improve the stability for individuals through engagement, assessment and connection to community-based services in their community. In 2024, the Embedded Social Worker program received over 7,500 referrals resulting in more than 5,000 connections to community services across 31 police departments and 45 municipalities. While a significant number of people were referred to mental health supports, many needed help across a wide range of human services like housing and economic support.

This request supports the county's identified priorities and goals for the disparity reduction Health domain by focusing on achieving health equity where every person feels they have the opportunity to attain their highest health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

## MINNESOTA

### Board Action Request

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**25-0076**

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**Item Description:**

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005867 with HDR Engineering, Inc. to provide additional services for CSAH 33 and CSAH 35, CP 2220300 and 2220700, ext to 12/31/28, incr NTE by \$2,350,000 for a new NTE county cost of \$4,250,000

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00005867 with HDR Engineering, Inc. to provide additional preliminary and final design engineering and professional services for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 33 (Park Avenue) and CSAH 35 (Portland Avenue) for multimodal safety improvements in Minneapolis between the Midtown Greenway and 38th Street (County Project (CP) 2220300), and 42nd Street to 46th Street (CP 2220700), extending the contract period to December 31, 2028, and increasing the amount by \$2,350,000 for a new total not to exceed of \$4,250,000; that upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the County Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

**Background:**

The county, in partnership with the City of Minneapolis, is leading a safety improvement project along Park and Portland avenues. The proposed improvements include complete and green street elements, such as:

- Accessibility, safety, and traffic signal upgrades
- Protected bikeways
- Pavement preservation

In 2024, the county entered into an agreement with HDR Engineering to provide design engineering services for the sections along Park and Portland avenues between 18th Street and Midtown Greenway and 38th Street to 42nd Street, at a cost not to exceed \$1,900,000 (Resolution 24-0049).

Federal funding has now been secured for two additional segments of Park and Portland Avenue between the Midtown Greenway and 46th Street. Funding for the additional engineering services to provide this additional scope of work is available in CPs 2220300 and 2220700. The county will continue its community engagement as the project continues into final design, with construction scheduled to begin in 2027.

**Current Request:**

This request seeks authorization to execute Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00005867 with HDR Engineering, Inc. to provide additional design engineering and professional services for Park and Portland Avenues between the Midtown Greenway and 38th Street, and 42nd Street to 46th Street,

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CPs 2220300 and 2220700, extending the period to December 31, 2028 and increasing the not to exceed amount to \$4,250,000.

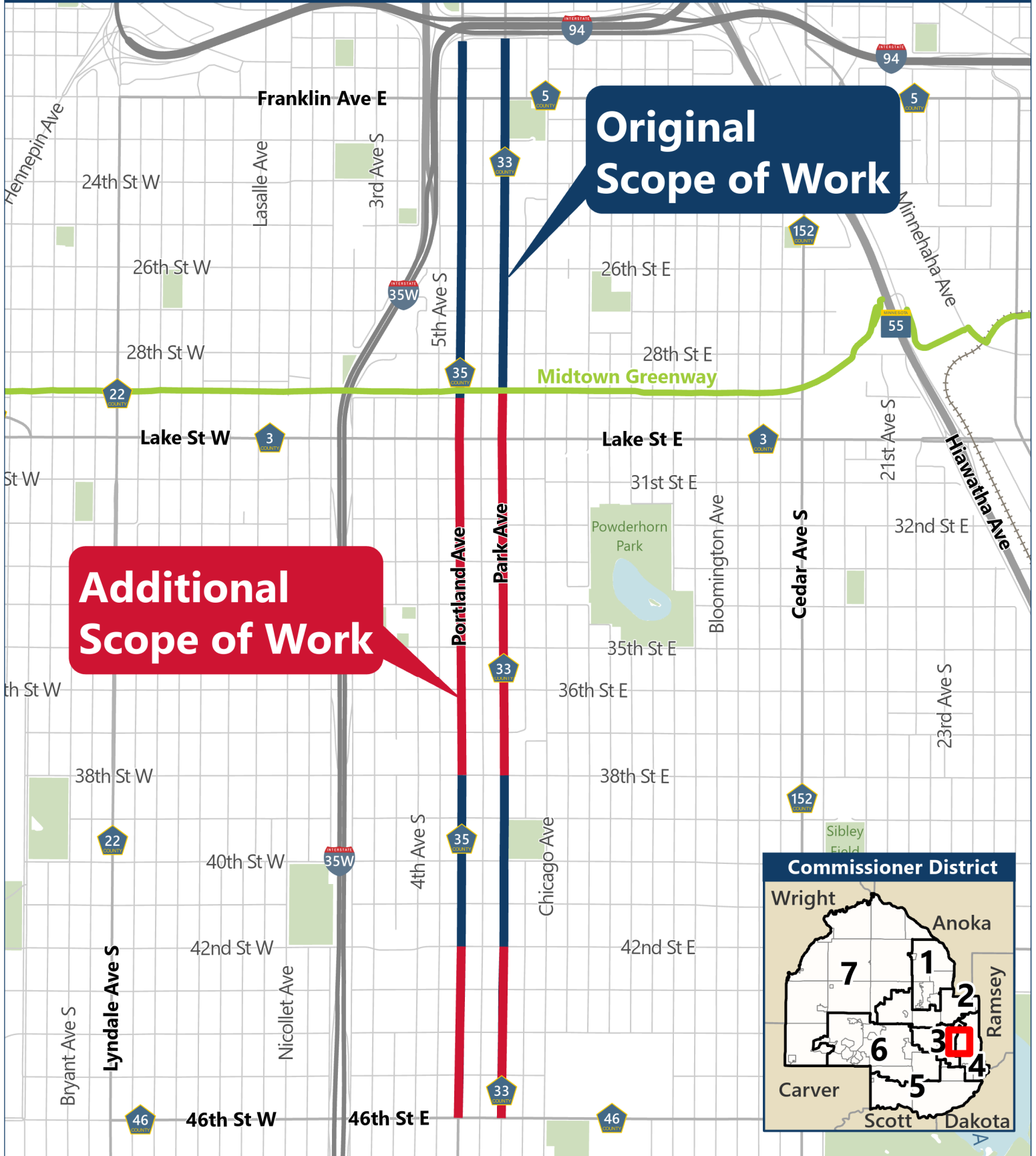
**Impacts/Outcomes:**

This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action, and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for multimodal transportation users.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

# CP 2220300, CP 2220700

Multimodal safety improvements along Park Avenue (CSAH 33) and Portland Avenue (CSAH 35) in Minneapolis



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## MINNESOTA

### Board Action Request

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**25-0075**

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**Item Description:**

2025 Federal Legislative Platform

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners recommends the 2025 Federal Legislative Platform be adopted.

**Background:**

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

**2025  
PROPOSED  
FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM  
(Draft – December 6, 2024)**

## Platform policy priorities

### Health and human services

Encourage innovation and recognize racism as a public health crisis in addressing complex health and human services problems; and recognize public health crises through prevention. Maximize partnerships among federal, state, county, and private funders to support sustainable models of health and wellness

### Safety-net health services

Address racism as a public health crisis by ensuring access to meaningful and affordable healthcare and promoting the financial vitality of safety-net systems, like Hennepin Healthcare System, in the context of federal reforms to publicly funded healthcare programs

### Housing

Leverage limited resources more efficiently and seek additional investments to advance stable, safe, and dignified housing for individuals and families and reduce disparities

# Platform direct funding priorities

- Blue Line extension (Bottineau LRT) – \$20 million under ~~FTA Capital Investment Grants Program~~
- **Washington Avenue Bridge -- \$5 million** under
- ~~Accessibility and safety improvements needed along county roads for Arterial Bus Rapid Transit corridors – \$25 million under the FHWA Surface Transportation Program~~
- ~~Emergency Shelter Program – \$750,000 under HUD’s Community Development Fund Program~~
- ~~Hennepin Emergency Medical Services – \$2.7 million under HRSA’s Health Center Program~~ **Addiction Medicine Center of Excellence – Hennepin Healthcare System – \$5 million under HRSA’s Health Center Program**
- ~~Climate Action Plan – \$2 million under DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program~~

# Full platform

## Climate and environment

**Support legislation and administrative policies that protect the environment, conserve resources, build equity and resiliency, and promote adaption to the impacts of climate change. Promote and support state laws and programs that will help achieve the county's Climate Action Plan, Zero Waste, and Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions goals**

- Support federal investment and partnership to protect natural resources and enhance community forests to mitigate the effects of climate change, reduce air pollution, sequester carbon, and respond to the loss of trees due to emerald ash borer and other invasive pests and pathogens
- Continued federal support for the funding and redevelopment of brownfields
- Support federal investment in technologies that address climate change and increase renewable energy production, including geothermal, hydrogen, wind, solar, and renewable natural gas
- Support federal investment and adoption of policies that reduce transportation carbon emissions and support pathways toward miles travelled reductions
- Support federal investment and adoption of policies that accelerate a zero waste future including, pass national extended producer responsibility policies, establish labeling and design standards, reduce single use plastics and toxics in materials, reduce climate impacts from landfilling, funding infrastructure that aid in solutions for waste and food waste prevention and management

## Elections

- **Support federal funding for county elections operations, including election security, equipment, software, staffing, voter education and outreach, communications, and election materials translation**
- Support a federally mandated and standardized early voting period



- Support the expansion of jurisdictions required to provide elections materials in multiple languages and modalities in order to improve understanding of elections, increase accessibility for voters who speak a language other than English, and improve voter participation

## **Health and human services**

### **Encourage innovation and recognize racism as a public health crisis in addressing complex health and human services problems. Maximize partnerships among federal, state, county, and private funders to support sustainable models of health and wellness**

- Make permanent COVID-19 pandemic-related waiver authority for health and human services programs, including reimbursement for all telehealth modalities and continuous eligibility to promote coverage and increase access to healthcare
- Maximize state flexibility under Medicaid to encourage innovation in the delivery of care that improves overall population health and rewards efficiency in both adult and juvenile systems
- Advance funding models that recognize the unique needs and service models within Children’s Mental Health that require a robust array of Behavioral Health strategies and support for families
- Support interventions to address critical public health needs such as unsheltered homelessness, emergency preparedness, HIV/infectious diseases, mental health, suicide prevention, violence prevention, opioids and other substance use disorders, food insecurity, and maternal and child health
- Support and promote comprehensive **and accessible** reproductive care and sex education. Oppose efforts to restrict access to reproductive healthcare
- Eliminate federal barriers to data sharing so that local governments can better support care coordination and efficient service delivery
- Support elimination of the Medicaid exclusion for all pre-adjudicated persons under supervision by the criminal legal system. Support state flexibility in the

Medicaid program to cover such individuals regardless of the status of their charges or sentence

- Support resource allocation and policies that fully integrate medical and behavioral health services and provide patient-centered, culturally responsive care
- Adequately fund continued direct federal investment for protection of older adults to maximize partnerships among federal, state, and county agencies to build an effective and sustainable Adult Protective Services program
- Support expanding allowable services covered by the Family First Preservation Services Act to include culturally responsive services
- Reduce administrative burdens, **eliminate time limits**, and increase access to SNAP
- **Support elimination of barriers to reduce annual requirements for maintaining home and community-based service access for people with disabilities or older adults with disabling but stable conditions**

## **Housing and community development**

### **Support the full continuum of affordable housing options, including for homebuyers and renters**

- Increase federal funding for programs that assist households with very low incomes, veterans, the elderly, **foster youth**, and people with disabilities to afford accessible, dignified, decent, safe, and sanitary housing. In particular, significantly expand the Section 8 program and housing finance programs
- Support efforts to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring, including expanded funding for a housing-focused homeless response system

## **Justice and equality**

**Ensure all residents receive equal protection under the law. Equip government to protect, defend, and enable everyone's ability to live freely and achieve their human potential**

- Support comprehensive immigration reform that creates pathways to citizenship, authorizes employment for new arrivals, addresses workforce development opportunities, provides access to healthcare and education, and supports fair and equitable interface with local public safety agencies. Oppose efforts to reduce or restrict access to the social safety net for immigrants, and eliminate barriers to refugee resettlement
- Support and adequately fund essential safeguards for the voting rights of all citizens, including no-excuse in-person and mail-in early voting, and automatic voter registration. Oppose efforts to restrict access to voting
- Support equal protection in law and federal regulations for all LGBTQI persons in housing, employment, healthcare/human services, education, and public accommodations
- Support federal efforts and funding for digital equity to ensure all residents have access to affordable and reliable high-speed broadband choices, computing devices, training, and internet-safety skills. **Partner with the Schools, Health, and Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition and other allies to support policy strategies and additional funding to address inequities that persist, including affordability issues, language barriers and skill gaps**

## Law, safety and justice

### **Support criminal justice, mental health and sentencing reforms that reduce racial disparities, advance proven diversion strategies and facilitate re-entry back into the community**

- Reduce regulatory burdens (e.g., Institution of Mental Disease (IMD) exclusion, data sharing limitations) that compromise services for people experiencing mental illness before they become involved in the criminal legal system
- Support continued federal investment in local re-entry programs and other initiatives critical to reducing adult and juvenile involvement in the criminal legal system

- Encourage and reward state and local collaborations that reduce barriers to employment, housing, and behavioral health services, and support successful reintegration of individuals into the community
- Provide federal support for evidence-based practices before, during, and after initial contact with the juvenile and adult criminal legal systems

## **Safety-net health services**

### **Address racism as a public health crisis by ensuring access to meaningful and affordable healthcare and promoting the financial vitality of safety-net systems, like Hennepin Healthcare System, in the context of federal reforms to publicly funded healthcare programs**

- Protect critical funding streams and payments to safety-net providers, including the 340B Drug Pricing Program, Graduate Medical Education, Medicaid direct payments, and supplemental payments for Medicare and Medicaid
- Promote the long-term financial vitality of safety-net systems by aligning federal reimbursement with the cost of care, by supporting payment methodologies in both Medicaid and Medicare that recognize the challenges of caring for a disproportionate share of medically and socially complex patients
- Promote the health of our patients by protecting and expanding meaningful health insurance coverage, access to life-saving prescriptions, and investments in **medical research and academics**, mental health, maternal health, including healthcare for birthing people, and child and adolescent health

## **Taxes**

### **Support federal tax policies to leverage local investment in infrastructure, housing, and services**

- Support continued tax-free status of municipal bonds and private activity bonds. Restore local government authority to advance refund tax-exempt bonds (authority was eliminated in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017)
- Preserve and strengthen the Low-Income Housing, Federal Historic, and New Markets tax credit programs

## **Transportation**

**Sustain and strengthen the federal-state-county partnership that supports the nation’s roads, bridges, transit, and rail systems. Ensure Minnesota’s transportation infrastructure supports a 21<sup>st</sup>-century economy and vibrant, active communities**

- Increase infrastructure investment through new sources of revenue and support continued federal partnerships in projects such as the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program
- Support key investments:
  - Green Line extension (Southwest LRT)
  - Blue Line extension (Bottineau LRT)
  - Highway 55 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Support infrastructure funding at levels authorized in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act
- Support anti-displacement efforts to ensure current residents, small businesses, and cultural institutions are able to benefit from infrastructure and investment

## **Workforce development**

**Meet the future workforce needs of Hennepin County and other employers and address persistent disparities by connecting well-trained and qualified individuals to high-demand jobs in our region**

- Provide flexibility in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act programs to better support career pathways and career technical education for dislocated or under-skilled workers, youth and higher-barrier populations (e.g., recognition of employer- and industry-recognized credentialing for use of federal funds). **Support full funding for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), but without the 50% training requirement for the Adult and Dislocated Worker program.**
- Support regional sector-based partnerships providing career pathways to promote economic inclusion, address employment and income disparities, and meet industry hiring needs
- Support efforts to raise and protect wages for residents at the lowest income levels and industries most affected by the pandemic, including raising the minimum wage to provide a livable wage and **to** reflect regional costs of living

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